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**WSDOT Issues Request for Qualifications for I-5 Everett HOV  
Project Design-Build Services**

The Washington State Department of Transportation is issuing a request for qualifications (RFQ) from companies interested in providing design-build services for the design and construction of the Interstate 5 Everett High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes Project in Snohomish County, Washington.

The project proposes to:

- add northbound HOV lanes to I-5 from Highway 526 to US 2
- add southbound HOV lanes to I-5 from Marine View Drive to Highway 526
- add a northbound and southbound auxiliary lane (also called a merge lane) on I-5 from 41<sup>st</sup> Street to US 2
- widen or replace bridges
- improve freeway on-ramps and exits
- install noise walls at certain locations
- treat freeway storm water run off
- build a new right-hand exit to Broadway
- improve or add lighting and surveillance, control and driver information
- components such as driver messaging signs, traffic cameras and ramp meters

For additional project information please visit the project Web site at:  
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR526US2HOV/default.htm>

WSDOT will select one design-builder for the entire project. The RFQ and request for proposals are the two steps in the selection process. The RFQ stage requires interested companies to provide a statement of qualifications (SOQs) to WSDOT.

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Submitters must provide evidence of an organization that has all necessary capabilities including project management, quality management, obtaining environmental and other permits, environmental compliance, engineering, design and construction.

WSDOT will evaluate the RFQ responses and invite at least three and not more than four of the most highly qualified design-build firms to submit proposals. Pending completion of the environmental process, WSDOT could issue the request for proposals as early as mid-November 2004. WSDOT will use a best value selection process to evaluate each design-builder's ability to manage, design, construct and control the project and provide a quality product on or ahead of schedule, meeting all environmental requirements, for a reasonable lump sum price within WSDOT's budget.

Interested companies can request a copy of the RFQ by contacting WSDOT's Ad and Award office at 360-705-7835 or by mail at P.O. Box 47360, Olympia, WA 98504-7630. The RFQ is also available at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/contaa/>.

For more information about design build visit  
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/InnvContract/desbuild.htm>.

Companies interested in providing design-build services or participating as a member of a design-build team should contact Bob Dyer, I-5 Everett HOV Project Director, by mail at PO Box 330310 NB82-101, Seattle, WA 98133-9710 or by e-mail at [dyerb@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:dyerb@wsdot.wa.gov).

WSDOT reserves the right, without incurring any liability, to change any aspect of the proposed procurement described above, including the right to not proceed with the procurement.

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For updated traffic information, drivers are encouraged to call WSDOT's traffic information phone line toll-free in Washington at 511, 1-800-695-ROAD (7623) or in the greater Seattle area at 206-368-4499. TTY users can call 1-800-833-6388 and ask for (206) 515-3683.